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**Meeting  
of the  
Michigan Human Trafficking Commission**

**April 26, 2016  
Williams Building  
Lansing, Michigan**

**Called to order:** 11:35 a.m.

**Members present:**

David Leyton, Vice Chairman  
Beth Emmitt  
Elizabeth Hertel  
David Leyton  
Kathy Maitland  
Cheryl Pezon  
Edward Price  
Michelle Rick  
Tom Tiderington

Quorum is present.

**Agenda item:**

Welcome and Introductions. Vice Chairman David Leyton welcomes the Commission members and the public. Vice Chairman Leyton explains that Chair Carol Isaacs is ill and cannot attend the meeting. He will act as Chair in her absence.

**Agenda item:**

Budget Update. None. Chairwoman Isaacs will provide an update at the next meeting.

**Agenda item:**

Vice Chairman David Leyton introduced new member, Hassan Beydoun.

**Agenda item:**

Approval of Commission Minutes from January 20, 2016. Vice Chairman David Leyton called for a motion to approve minutes for the January 20, 2016 meeting as submitted. Tom Tiderington moved for the motion. Hassan Beydoun seconded the motion. Hand vote was unanimous.

**Agenda item:**

Guest Speaker:

- Valiant Richey-Senior Prosecuting Attorney, King County, Seattle, Washington

**Agenda item:**

Health Video Update – Dr. Herbert Smitherman. Due to a conflict in Dr. Smitherman's schedule, an update on the health video was presented to the Commission by Michelle Brya, Human Trafficking Commission Project Manager. Ms. Brya indicated that Dr. Smitherman is working with the Wayne, Oakland and Macomb County Medical Societies on the video. Interviews for the video are ongoing.

**Agenda item:**

Health Advisory Board. Elizabeth Hertel said the Board has finalized their goals for 2016. Those goals included: continued work with the Department of Health and Human Services and a hospital to develop emergency room protocol for victims. Ms. Hertel indicated the specific hospital has not been chosen yet but that they are working on a decision. She said the Board is also working to create a resource guide for victims.

**Agenda item:**

Joint Anti-Trafficking Taskforce (JATT). Kelly Carter said that JATT is working with the Michigan State Police, Salvation Army and other victim service providers to ensure victims are handled properly. She said currently the Taskforce is geographically limited to Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties but they hope to roll out a state-wide protocol for law enforcement.

**Agenda item:**

Subcommittee Reports:

- Data Collection & Research – presented by Assistant Attorney General John Pallas. The subcommittee has been discussing a pilot project to collect human trafficking information to determine why law enforcement is not using human trafficking Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR) codes. The project will work in cooperation with three law agencies to determine why codes are not being used. He provided a handout of their project proposal, as well as the arrest survey they will use. Mr. Pallas indicated the subcommittee was looking for approval to proceed with the survey project. He said they would like to survey Roseville, Madison Heights and Southfield Police Departments. Vice Chairman David Leyton called for a motion to approval the project. Edward Price moved for the motion. Tom Tiderington seconded the motion. Hand vote was unanimous.

- Funding & Resources – presented by Assistant Attorney General Michelle Brya. The subcommittee has been searching for grants and other funding opportunities. Ms. Brya indicated that so far the Commission has operated within their budget. She asked that members forward any information they may have on funding possibilities and also their ideas on how the money should be spent.
- Policy & Legislation – presented by Assistant Attorney General Kelly Carter. Ms. Carter indicated there were three bills that have been introduced by the legislature. She said the bills were addressed in hearing that morning, but no action was taken.
- Public Awareness – presented by Commission member, Beth Emmitt. The subcommittee has been working with DTMB on the development of a more comprehensive website. She asked for Commission member's input on what they would like to see on the website and asked them to forward that information to Andrea Bitely.
- Training & Education – presented by AAG Kelly Carter and Commission member, Tom Tiderington. The subcommittee is working with JATT for law enforcement training protocols. They are trying to identify additional resources. The subcommittee will work on the website with the Public Awareness Subcommittee.
- Victim Services – presented by Commission member Kathy Maitland. The subcommittee is researching standardized human trafficking assessment tools. They are working on a dedicated site for housing victims and have conducted several site visits. They want to increase availability of services for victims. The subcommittee is also working with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for a protocol specifically for minor victims.

**Agenda item:**

Update on Human Trafficking Conference. Commission member Judge Michelle Rick gave an update on the Human Trafficking Conference to be held on September 29, 2016. Webber's Inn has been secured as the venue. They anticipate

approximately 200 attendees and will be inviting members of law enforcement, court officials, and protective services workers to attend.

**New Business:** No new business was discussed during this meeting.

**Public Comment:** No public comments were made during this meeting.

Vice Chairman David Leyton thanked Michelle Brya for her assistance with today's meeting.

**Next Meeting:** July 27, 2016

**Adjournment:** Vice Chairman David Leyton called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl Pezon moved for the motion. Tom Tiderington seconded the motion. Hand vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.